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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10547]

**60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Brokering Prior Approval
(License)**

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Web: Persons with access to the Internet may comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering “Docket Number: DOS-2018-0043” in the Search field. Then click the “Comment Now” button and complete the comment form.
- E-mail: DDTCPublicComments@state.gov
- Regular Mail: Send written comments to: Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Attn: Andrea Battista, 2401 E St. NW Suite H-1205, Washington, DC 20522-0112

You must include the subject (PRA 60 Day Comment), information collection title Brokering Prior Approval (License), and OMB control number (1405-0142) in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information regarding this collection to Andrea Battista, who may be reached at BattistaAL@state.gov or 202-663-3136.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- Title of Information Collection: Brokering Prior Approval
- OMB Control Number: 1405-0142
- Type of Request: Extension of a Currently Approved Collection
- Originating Office: Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC).
- Form Number: DS-4294
- Respondents: Respondents are U.S. and foreign persons who wish to engage in International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR)-controlled brokering of defense articles and defense services
- Estimated Number of Respondents: 170
- Estimated Number of Responses: 170
- Average Time Per Response: 2 hours
- Total Estimated Burden Time: 340 hours
- Frequency: On occasion
- Obligation to Respond: Required to Obtain Benefit

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

In accordance with part 129 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), U.S. and foreign persons who wish to engage in ITAR-controlled brokering activity of defense articles and defense services must first register with DDTC. Brokers must then submit a written request for approval to DDTC and must receive DDTC's consent prior to engaging in such activities unless exempted. This information is currently used in the review of the brokering request submitted for approval and to ensure compliance with defense trade statutes and regulations. It is also used to monitor and control the transfer of sensitive U.S. technology.

Methodology

Currently submissions are made via hardcopy documentation. Applicants are referred to ITAR part 129 for guidance on information to submit regarding proposed brokering

activity. Upon implementation of DDTC's new case management system, the Defense Export Control and Compliance System (DECCS), a DS-4294 may be submitted electronically.

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